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THE new fashionable hand-shake goes up and down—a sort of milk-shake, as it were.

ARKANSAS fruit growers are negotiating for a car load of red ants to be used in killing worms in orchards.

MENNONITES of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota and Oregon are thinking about forming a colony near Houston, Tex.

THE horses of German cavalry regiments are to be shod with paper shoes, recent experiments having proved their durability and lightness desirable.

A LETTER from an Alaska gold miner says the temperature one day last winter dropped to 72 degrees below zero, freezing his bottle of "pain killer," and he believes it was 10 degrees colder during the night.

A PLAGUE of fleas this year has descended upon Yonkers, Mount Vernon and other Hudson river towns, and people are leaving their homes to escape from the millions of these vigorous little tormentors.

ALL political factions in Kentucky can unite in support of the proposal to erect a monument to John Ritchie, who now sleeps in an unmarked grave in Nelson county in that state. John Ritchie was the father of the Kentucky whisky industry.

A VENETIAN glass manufacturer is now making glass bonnets by the thousand. The glass cloth of which they are composed has the same brilliancy of color as silk and is impervious to water. Glass is also made into a fine cloth which can be worn next to the skin without discomfort.

DR. HANCHER, pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church at Kansas City, Mo., and his congregation believe in keeping up with the times. The church is to have a deaconess, a bicycle check stand, an umbrella check stand, a Sunday morning nursery and after a while a day nursery and a kindergarten.

THE British custom of charging a small price for public documents, instead of giving them away, is one which it would be well for our government to follow, the Chicago Record says. Under our system of giving away public documents persons who have no use for them secure them oftentimes because they are free.

THE water has been turned on in the great Yaqui ditch, in Mexico, which is destined to irrigate the hitherto desert lands of the great valley of the Yaqui river. This marks the consummation of a great enterprise which promises much for the future of northern Mexico, and which has been carried on almost entirely with United States money.

THE university of California is to become one of the famous universities of the world. At any rate, it is to have, if designs are carried out, the finest pile of buildings on the globe, and these brilliant schemes are to be put into effect at once. Inside of a year ground will be broken for the first of a magnificent group of buildings. There are to be 28 or 30 of them. All the buildings are to be of stone and built to last for ages. How many millions they will cost Regent Einstein refuses to say, but he has enough pledged to make his magnificent plan a certainty.

MINISTER WOODFORD seems to possess to a marked degree the American knack of calling an opponent's hand with such a genial countenance as to rob the ensuing show-down of much of its unpleasant aspect.

THE United States Consul at Amoy, China, is authority for the statement that the Chinese prefer American cotton fabrics, spinnings, flour, oils, canned goods and meats, and buy them in preference, and pay a higher price for them than for similar goods from other countries.

THE END NEAR AT HAND.

The attention of astronomers throughout the world lately has been directed to the appearance of a group of extraordinary spots on the sun. This probably is the most portentous natural phenomenon which has been observed during the recorded history of man. It is watched by men of science with equal wonder and alarm, for they have no knowledge of any appearance of a similar character. Naturally, there have been many speculations as to its nature.

Prof. Corrigan, one of the most eminent astronomers in this country, has reached a conclusion concerning the nature of the process now taking place on the sun. He concludes that it is nothing less than the creation of a new planet, which certainly will entail a fearful disturbance to the earth, and possibly the destruction of all life upon it. Here it is well to compare the conclusion of Prof. Corrigan with certain words in the eighth chapter of the Revelation of St. John, which seems to describe the event now foretold by science. The tenth verse of the eighth chapter reads:

"And the third angel sounded and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers and upon the fountains of waters."

The chapter goes on to describe in dreadful, prophetic language a convulsion of the universe, which apparently is the sun and the consequent partial destruction of the earth.—St. Louis Republic.

It will doubtless surprise many Americans to learn that a fugitive slave case was lately tried in San Francisco. The Chinese consul, apparently in his official capacity, waited upon one of the Christian missions in the city and demanded the surrender of a woman staying there of her own free will, as owing service to a Chinaman whose claim to her was based on his purchase of her for good and lawful money. The mission people refused to give her up and advised the consul to try a writ of habeas corpus, which he did. The woman was brought into court and the question whether this human being actually belonged to herself or to a man who had bought her of another man was considered for several weeks, the court finally giving the woman to herself and allowing her to remain at the mission. The singular feature of the case is that this slavery, this enticing of women and girls from China to California, to be held in bondage, is perfectly understood and their detention as slaves after their arrival, seems to be notoriously known to the white or American inhabitants. The names of Chinese slave dealers in San Francisco are as well known as the Chinese consul. The "Queen's Room," a slave market, was, until its comparatively recent abolition by the police, a familiar place. The number of female slaves now held in San Francisco is estimated at 1,500. They are there and everybody knows it. It is altogether a singular state of affairs and in some future day, when it is told that in the year 1897 1,500 slaves were held in the city of San Francisco the conundrum which everybody give up will be: "Why was it permitted?"

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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GREATER NEW YORK.

The great city at the mouth of the Hudson is soon to choose a mayor. Its future prosperity will depend largely on the uprightness and ability of the man first chosen to that exalted station. The smaller New York has been cursed at times by corrupt or inefficient mayors. Tweed robbed the city, and made his name a synonym for knavery. Republican and Democratic officials combined at a later period to defraud the taxpayers. Forming a collusion they distributed the offices among their friends, and made strangers aghast at the misgovernment. At last the friends of order combined and drove many of the robbers from power. Mayor Strong was successful in securing many reforms, and the experience of the past year has shown that if the citizens rise above narrow partisanship they can obtain good order.

At the present time Seth Low is proposed as a candidate by those who care more for the city's weal and reputation than for the success of party. He was mayor for a year or two of Brooklyn, and won honor as an incorruptible official. While he frankly says, "I am a Republican, and expect to remain so," he declares his purpose, if chosen mayor, to make the weal of the new city paramount to partisan advantage. He will aim to appoint efficient, capable, and upright men to office, and to hold them to strict account. Platt and his henchmen, however, want a mayor who will select as subordinates narrow partisans. Tammany, on the other hand, desires a Democrat who will care for the henchmen of his party. They have been in office so long that they are hungry for the emoluments. There are likely to be three candidates in the field. Both Platt and Tammany hate Low, and will defeat him if possible.

GEN. WEYLER now says he can knock the spots off Cuba in four months. It's dollars to doughnuts he can't do it in four years.

If Tesla's wireless telegraphy is a success we ought to be able to learn this winter whether it is really worth while to go to the Klondike in the spring.

SEATTLE, in the state of Washington, is profiting by the Alaskan gold excitement, and its citizens fully expect that it will have a population of 100,000 people by the end of 1898.

It has been discovered that the Postal Congress adopted stamp colors for the different countries in the Union. America's two cent stamp is carmine and hence it will not be changed to green as had been proposed recently.

THE big dailies appear wonderfully inconsistent in one particular. They permit all their artists to sign their names to their drawings, whatever their merit, but accord to but few of their writers that privilege.

THE Colorado man who has just heard that a fellow he sent to Alaska with a "grub stake" three years ago wants him to come on in the spring and get his half of claims worth \$4,000,000 is a strong believer in the existence of honesty.

EDWARD BELLAMY, author of "Looking Backward" and other works, is reported very sick. He has been taken to Colorado in the hope that he may be benefited by a change of climate. It is feared by his friends that his lungs are affected.

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FALLING INTO LINE.

The Navasota Tablet claims that this is the only country of the earth where political power rests in the hands of the people, and for that reason, every monarchy of the world is unfriendly to it, as a standing threat to their order of ruling the people. Jealousy, only feebly expresses feelings toward it; hatred, malice and cunning, are the only words that express it.

Fearing to attack it openly, and knowing the terrible power of a money system for controlling a people, it was the first great government whose money system England, even slyly, dared to attack; knowing too, if she could effect her purpose here, all the lesser powers of Europe would follow the example. Unfortunately, she found men who were willing to engage in the conspiracy, and in 1873, did secretly succeed in destroying our currency system.

Since then, prices, and industries of all kinds have been gradually languishing; and, when the final blow was given in the repeal of the last fragment of a silver law we had in 1893, the whole industrial fabric fell; since then, we have had no measure for prices, and the people have only lived by the practice of the hardest, coarsest, rudest and even the meanest economy. All of this while, they saw working men suffer, and idle men prosper; they saw millionaires increase both in number and wealth, and thereby knew that the very laws of nature had been reversed, and are now demanding in no uncertain tones that they be put back; that all men shall have equal opportunities restored to them, and proper prices for their labor—that they should no longer be subjected to a fraudulent currency system—to protective tariffs, to monopolies, to trusts, combinations and "bucket shop" prices.

The South is solid in this direction, and can always be relied on in the hour of trial; if the West and Northwest will equally do their duty in the near succeeding elections next year, and in 1900, this bloodsucking class, who draw the very life out of the people, can be successfully driven from the places they have so long desecrated and disgraced.

Within the last few days, Colorado and Nebraska have held conventions for nominating state officers, in which Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans came together and nominated fusion candidates. Pennsylvania did the same things, and indorsed the Chicago platform; Kansas Populists have gone "horse, foot and dragoons" over to the Democrats, and general platform demands "the free and independent coinage of silver and a sufficient volume of paper money to be issued by the government, and denounces government by injunction."

Thus, the reform of the political conditions has been bravely begun. The platform is plain, direct and the sound suits us exactly with no "middle of the road" foolishness and humbug. When people talk that way they mean business, and the class who have been playing the role of treasury robbers, and gold buckaneers had better make ready to "git up and git."

THE costs of strikes in this country between the year 1881 and 1894 is placed by the labor bureau at Washington at \$163,807,866, and the number of persons thrown out of employment at 3,814,406. These figures alone prove that a strike is a wasteful and ineffective way to settle a labor controversy.

A GERMAN has invented what he calls the "ever-loaded gun." It is doubtless a destructive weapon, but is not likely to compare in fatal tendencies with the American "unloaded" guns.

LITTLE BANNERS.

There will not be enough men in heaven for the women to find fault with.

If procrastination stole time only the world would be but little harmed.

When men are at a loss what to say they usually swear.

A girl never tries to extinguish the spark as long as a man has money to burn.

Some people are like one-legged milk-stools—no good unless sat upon.

The man who never argues with woman, children or fools has but few arguments.

A millionaire has a better show in this world than the average theatrical manager.

The swan always sings before it dies and death often ends the mosquito's song.

When a wife puts on too many airs the atmosphere of her home is not what it should be.

An ounce of prevention is not worth a pound of cure in the pork-packing business.

There is something wrong with the woman who talks only when she has something to say.

Hotel Rules.

A hotel in Georgia has adopted the following rules for the guidance of its guests:

The motto of this hotel is: "Do unto others as they will do unto you."

There are three departments—up stairs, down stairs and out doors. Out doors is the cheapest.

If the bell in your room is broken bring the towel.

"God helps those who help themselves," but God help those who get caught helping themselves here.

No alarm clock furnished by the management. Before retiring wind up your bed and hear it tick.

To prevent guests from carrying fruit from the table we will have no fruit.

Anyone wishing to take a drive after lunch can repair to the woodshed and drive nails.

Guests having nightmare will find the harness in the closet.

Thirteen at the dinner table is a bad sign. It is a sign that we will have no supper.

Each room supplied with a handsome chromo card with the following inscription: "Honesty is the best policy."

If the hotel is not on the right side of the street let it be known at the office and it will be promptly removed to the other side.

No spoons allowed on to tables occupied by newly married couples. This is the prevent spooning in public.

His Earning's Gone.

Some bold, bad thief, without fear of God or respect of man, visited Editor Finley's residence Sunday night while the family were at church and relieved him of \$2.50 in cash and a fine pistol—a borrowed one, of course. Usually when newspaper men are so successful in accumulating money they go into the banking business, but Editor Finley has been succeeding so well lately that he got careless and left his money lying around loose, thus tempting some unfortunate fellow to give him an object lesson in finance. The cash taken represented the savings of five months salary on a republican paper, and Bro. Finley is lucky in not having saved a larger amount. The craft here and throughout the state will sympathize with the loser in the contemptuous treatment received from the burglar, who was so mean as to cut through a wire screen and muss and touse things up stairs in the search for hidden wealth.—Greenville Herald.

THE Washington Post is not a free silver paper, but it is disgusted with the flippancy with which many papers refer to the recent fall in silver. The Post says: "If it were decided—which it certainly is not—that no more silver will be bought for coinage in this country; if the people had voted—which they have not—in favor of the unconditional acceptance and maintenance of gold monometallism—even under these conditions we should find no satisfaction in the falling price of silver. We have about \$500,000,000 in silver that we are carrying and are bound to carry at a parity with gold. Ought we to be glad of a process that cheapens the coins of the country? Ought any organ of sound money to shout in glee when value goes out of and fiat goes into our currency? Every penny that falls from the price of silver means a reduction of millions in the commercial value of our coins. Is there anything funny in that?"

THE Chicago Record claims that the labor problem is but another name for the problem of Christianity. The condition of the masses is the measure of the church's success. It is not the separating power, but the leavening power of religion that is the test of its strength. The university of the gospel is not to be proved only by its spread to every clime—laterally, but also by its penetration into every stratum of society—vertically. Jesus never came to save a few saints out of a wicked world, He came to save the world. "The poor," He said—that is; the commonalty—"ye have always with you." It is not a holy nunnery, nor a holy suburb, but it is a holy city that is the design of religion.

THE Atlanta Constitution says: "There is no reason why the price of cotton should not show an early and very material advance. The only thing that can prevent it will be the lack of an increased demand for cotton goods. Many of the eastern mills still have large stocks of unsold goods on hand, and some of these have been added to by the anticipation of higher prices caused by the tariff. Thus far, cotton goods have made no material response to tariff legislation nor to the increasing symptoms of prosperity. When the response does come, the Constitution hopes and believes that the price of the southern staple will rise."

DR. STEPHEN EMMENS, of Staten Island, N. Y., claims that he has been manufacturing gold from silver for the past three months, and that the artificial bullion has stood the test of the government assay office. The books of the assay office bear him out.

A BICYCLE has just been completed which promises to revolutionize the wheels of the world. The difference between this and the older machines is that it utilizes the entire power furnished by the engine of propulsion—the leg of the rider. The change is, of course, in the gearing, but it is not a chainless wheel, that sort which it is said will next year be the king of all wheels, it is a compound crank wheel.

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